

Family Worship Guide – Week 38

MEMORIZE

Revelation 11:15 – Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

READ

Read Revelation 11:15-19.

Finally, after chapters and chapters of God’s judgment, a declaration of victory is issued in heaven. The kingdom of this world has finally become the kingdom completely under the reign of Christ. Take time as a family and praise God, either through prayer, singing, or both, for His promise that one day He will be finally victorious over all evil on the earth.

But we know that this is a prophecy about days to come. What does that mean for understanding the world we currently live in? If this is the outcome at the end of time, how should we live now? To what end is all of history heading toward?

Questions:

What does this passage teach us about God? What does this passage teach us about man?

Are there any commands that we need to obey in this passage? Are there any promises that we can hope in?

What sticks out to you in this passage? What is your favorite part? What is your least favorite part? What part of God’s Word brings the most joy to you?

Bottom Line: God answers the prayers of His people by exalting His name and judging the world.

SING

*“I will be with the One I love. With unveiled face I’ll see Him.
There my soul will be satisfied. Soon and very soon.”*

Oh the joy that abounds within us as followers of Christ Jesus. We have the unquenchable hope for a day when we will see Him face to face. We will fall down at His feet and worship Him forever and ever. Until that glorious day, let’s live our lives worthy of the gospel, making much of His name. Let’s continue in worship through singing this song entitled “Soon” by Brooke Fraser written in 2009.

Visit our website for a link to this song: www.brookhills.org/gathering/this_week.html.

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created by the age-group ministry leaders as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God’s word and worship him together.

Preschool

- Before you begin open your Bible to Revelation 11:15 and gather construction paper, stapler or tape, crayons and/or stickers.
- Decorate the paper and roll into a cone and pretend it is a “trumpet.” (You could use a paper towel or toilet paper roll instead.)
- After making the “trumpet,” read the verse from Revelation to your child.
- Explain that Jesus is our King and deserves our honor and praise. One way we can worship and praise Jesus is with instruments like the trumpet we made.
- We can worship Jesus just like the angel in the verse blew his trumpet and began praising Jesus. Explain that we can worship by singing, playing instruments, reading God’s word and many other ways. Remind your child that He is worthy of our praise and deserves all our praise for the great things He has done for us.
- Explain that God’s had a plan from the very beginning of the world. It was His plan to send Jesus to earth as a man and die for all of us. Jesus is the only King and He deserves our praise! Only the true King could conquer sin and death so that we may be forgiven and live forever with Him. He will one day come again and conquer all His enemies. Then, Jesus will

have a perfect kingdom. We are looking forward to that day now! God is so good and He always keeps His promises.

- Take time as a family and praise God, either through prayer, instruments, singing, or both, for His promise that one day He will be finally victorious over all evil on the earth.

Children

- Materials: Note cards with a question for each child. Questions should be something child(ren) would ask you. Questions might include: "Can a friend come over?", "Can I have dessert?", "Can you take me to the park?", "Can I go watch a movie?", or "Can you help me with my homework? "
- Take each question and answer it the way you would in keeping with what a good parent should do. The answer might be exactly what the child(ren) wanted to hear or it might not make them happy at all. For example, "I would like for your friend to come over, but you did not pick up your room like I asked you, so it is not possible today." "I would love to take you to the park and enjoy this beautiful day that God created." "I will be happy to ask you some questions for your test after you have studied on your own for 30 minutes."
- Tell child(ren) that If you just said "sure" to everything and did not teach discipline, responsibility, self-control, consideration for others, etc., then you would not be fulfilling your role as a parent to guide, teach, and instruct them on how to be godly, responsible people. Remind them that God knows them even better than you do and answers their prayers in a way that accomplishes what is best for them so that He will be glorified in their lives.

Students

- Sometimes in our culture we do not always feel the urgent need and desire to see this world "become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ." Yet, the tragic circumstances we live among are constantly in front of our eyes. To begin this time with your family share a news article that demonstrates the brokenness of the world we live in. (An especially poignant one can be found here: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/09/04/north-carolina-woman-dies-in-car-crash-while-driving-to-hospital-to-have-baby/?test=latestnews>).
- Ask your students how they would feel if this had happened to someone close in your family. Ask them about a moment in their life that they were glad to have made it through. Share with them the fact that these kinds of tragedies are happening constantly all over the world that we live in. Then share with them the ultimate response Scripture gives us in Revelation 11:15-19.
- After reading the passage together ask them, "What hope is found in this passage? Are there any promises that you can rely on?" Share with them that this scene comes at the end of a period of enormous tragedy and judgment. These are moments that all of creation will mourn and suffer through.
- And yet, we come to this passage that promises that there is a fixed moment in time when all pain, suffering, and sorrow will conclude. How grateful do you think people suffering right now will be when this moment described in Revelation 11 comes? Knowing God has secured this moment in time, how much do *you* really appreciate it? How does this change the way we approach sharing this truth with people who are encountering tragedy? Who do you know that needs to be encouraged with the truth of the Gospel? Spend some time in prayer for those who are in the middle of suffering right now (especially someone you may know). Rejoice and thank God together for the resolution He has provided in His coming reign on the earth.

